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Art Notes.

We are constantly in receipt of letters from readers of THE ART UNION requesting special information as to the whereabouts of artists, etc. Such information compels a special tax on our time that cannot be given to business that is essentially personal and private. To satisfy such inquiries, we commence in this number the publication of our special department, The Studio. By degrees we hope to give all requisite information as to names and addresses. To artists we would say that this department is of special importance to them, and the price we charge for the insertion of their cards (\$5.00 per year) is intended to be merely nominal, as this amount includes a copy of THE ART UNION during the continuance of the artist's name in The Studio.

L. PRANG & Co. have almost ready for publication a large souvenir picture, in color, having a portrait of General Grant in the centre, surrounded by smaller pictures illustrating his military career from West Point to Appomattox. The picture is from the brush of the well-known painter of war pictures, T. de Thulstrup, and has been much commended by many old soldiers who have seen it.

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The fact that so many of our artists continue to dress as well as they do in spite of the stringent times, may be partially accounted for by the other fact that James W. Bell, the tailor of Fifth Avenue and 22d Street, has one of the best collections of native pictures in the city.



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